IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Thommes

For : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A

Universal Input Voltage In A Welding

Power Source

Attorney Docket No. : ITW 7188.64

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both a new sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.